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19. 1915 SUMMARY OF SIGHTINGS

Spaceman Blue fireball, estimated to be type three feet in diameter with a long tail, observed from an a/c at 15,000' for a period of 2 seconds.

THE BOSTONIAN

4. In this case did not prove the direction of the object was varying but is believed that object was on a constant course.

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NEWS-LEADER

APR 18 1952

FLYING SAUCER THEORY EXPLODED: **MYSTERY OF BALL OF FIRE SOLVED**

By JAMES ELLIOTT

Remember that blazing ball of fire that streaked across the skies of Virginia and North Carolina in February?

At the time, the phenomenon stirred many an imagination into thoughts of flying saucers. And recent disclosures by the Air Force that there might be something, after all, to those saucer sorties, raised a few more eyebrows.

Despite those anxieties and revelations, however, you can rest assured that the gyrating, detonating fireball of February 18 was not mysterious.

In a report made to The News

Leader today, the American Meteor Society disclosed that the aerial flash definitely was a meteor.

And by taking astronomical data, and adding a few mathematical calculations, the society can tell you just about anything you would like to know about the meteor.

BASED ON 100 ACCOUNTS

The data is based on more than 100 accounts by persons in both States who saw the brilliant flash.

It first came into sight when it was 73 miles in the air, the report noted. From that point, two miles south of Buffalo City, N. C.,

it rocketed through the sky at an estimated 261 miles a second for 106 miles before burning out over Virginia, about 12 miles above a point six miles east and one mile north of Fox Hill, Elizabeth City County, over lower Chesapeake Bay.

Its remains, if any, apparently fell into the bay, the report said, and no fragments have been discovered.

The meteor left a train of smoke cloud, said the report, that lasted fully 15 minutes before dissipating.

"Had the fireball appeared at night," the report continued, "it would truly have been terrifying from its brilliancy." The fireball flashed into sight at 11:31 A. M., and was visible to residents of the States despite the clear bright

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Washington, D. C. 20330

TELE. NO. 24-445

SUBJECT: ~~MEET WITH SECRETARY~~

To: Director, Personnel
5400 10th Street, OSA (16)
1200 20th Street, Washington, D. C.
Director, Personnel

1. In accordance with your request of 22 February 1952
concerning the personnel classification of the following
Moss (O-5350) recipient, information is as follows:

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Report (Mailed)**

It Was A Heavenly Day Featured By Explosion

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The black death of 1949 and 1950, the May 1950 flood and the recent explosion of a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean have all had their day in the news. But the day of the month that has been most talked about has been the 19th.

On the 19th of the month, the U.S. Weather Bureau and the National Weather Bureau in Washington, D.C., issued a weather forecast for the entire country. The forecast was issued at 12:01 a.m. on the 19th.

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The Charlotte Observer

A Friend To People Is A Friend To Humanity

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 1943

Big Meteorite Is Witnessed In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 12.—An attorney here said the explosion of a large meteorite, which preceded news the Southern States, during the night, of rumors involving a second plane flying ministerial weapons.

J. P. Molen of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Greenville, said he received a telephone call from a man in Greenville, who said he had seen a meteorite fall in the morning. Many houses were reported shaken and objects which appeared to be 10 feet in diameter were found scattered in the fields of the man, a long-time resident of the town of North Carolina, Swain County, in the northwestern part of the state, in Tennessee.

A meteorite was reported to have fallen in the town of Lenoir, in the western part of the state, and a man in Lenoir said he had seen a large object fall. He said he declared that it was too large to be an airplane.

U. S. Weather Bureau in Greenville, April 1, 1942, delivered 10 calls from persons who had seen a large meteorite. Some reported the crashing of a meteorite in the woods near Greenville, S. C., April 1, 1942, reported by the Associated Press.

According to the National Observatory, the falling of a meteorite is not an unusual occurrence. The Observatory said that the falling of a meteorite is not an unusual occurrence.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 20 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 2330

LOCATION: Stockton, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 9,000' (Est)

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilots

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions. No investigation due to time lapse since report.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two aircraft pilots observed object described as "locomotive headlight" at same altitude as a/c. Object accelerated and climbed after crossing path of a/c. Possibility of other aircraft in area was negative. No radar returns. [REDACTED]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: Wing Intelligence Officer
3535th Emb. Tng. Wing,
Mather Air Force Base, California

REPORT NO.

8w7-2-52

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Description:

Pilots sighted an unidentified object flying at approximately the same altitude as their aircraft. No specific shape could be determined. The only noticeable feature was a bright light much like the headlight of a locomotive except the object projected no beam but seemed to glow within itself. No aerodynamic features were noted and the object left no visible trail or exhaust. The method of propulsion could not be determined by either pilot. No sound was heard from the object.

Path of Flight:

The object approached the observers' aircraft from a northerly direction on an apparent collision course. The object was at the same altitude as the observers' aircraft and from a distance of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles the object appeared to be fifteen (15) inches in diameter. It did not appear to have any set course as it variably approached and receded from the observing aircraft. During these moments the object appeared to grow dimmer as it receded and brighter as it approached the aircraft. After crossing in front of the observing aircraft at a distance of approximately seven (7) miles at an approximate speed of one hundred eighty (180) miles per hour, it suddenly turned to an easterly heading, accelerated rapidly to an estimated eight hundred (300) miles per hour and disappeared, climbing at an angle of thirty (30) degrees. One of the observers, formerly a navigator and familiar with celestial bodies, definitely stated that the object was not a star, planet or meteor. Source further stated that the stars were clearly visible at all times and the object could be seen to cross the sky between the observers and the stars.

Weather Conditions:

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade; Visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet; Winds aloft report - eight thousand (8000) feet two hundred sixty (260) degrees at eight (8) knots, ten thousand (10,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at fifteen (15) knots, twelve thousand (12,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at twenty five (25) knots. No known meteorological or other conditions or activities during observing time which would cause any disturbance in that area were found. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left a very clear sky.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

No other physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighted object. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object. Upon direction of the Commanding Officer, Mather Air Force Base, the preparing officer proceeded to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, to interview jet pilots on the feasibility that the aforementioned object could be the result of a jet afterburner. The results of this interview were negative. A check with the Aircraft Control and Warning system of Mather Air Force Base on a possible tracking was also negative.

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. GWT-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 00428595
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft Sighting		
AREA REPORTED ON Stockton, California, U.S.A.		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office 3535th Bmb. Tng. Wing, Mather AFB, California
DATE OF REPORT 29 February 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 February 1952	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) FRED E. WARNER, Captain, USAF		SOURCE (See Summary)
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begins last of report on AF Form 113-Part II)

Interrogation of Captain GATTRON, Pilot, and Major RICORDAN, Co-pilot of B-25 #8807 on 20 February 1952. On this date while flying at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet with an air speed of one hundred sixty (160) miles per hour, the aforementioned officers sighted an unconventional aircraft, approximately five (5) miles west of Stockton California (37-54' 30" N - 121-21' 30" W). Time of sighting was 2330 hours Pacific Standard Time.

APPROVED:

Fred E. Warner
FRED E. WARNER
Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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MARCH 1951 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTED BY PERSONNEL FLYING IN B-29 AIRCRAFT

9698 ON 17 FEBRUARY 1952 PD AT APPROXIMATELY 0845Z AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING

AT A SPEED OF 192 TAS AT 12000 FT AT 3315N 1041CW IN A SOUTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION AN A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	OF	PAGES
Wing Intelligence Officer Mather Air Force Base, California	GTL 3-52	2	2	PAGES

Pilots sighted an unidentified object which at first was believed to be a plane with one (1) landing light on or with a bright light in the nose. Object first appeared to be between Stockton and Sacramento, California. As the object approached the aircraft it appeared to become larger, brighter and more yellow in color. As the object passed in front of the observing aircraft the pilot stated that it was definitely not another aircraft.

Path of Flight:

Object first came into view on an apparent collision course from a northerly direction. At this time observing aircraft was at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet over Mt. DIABLO, California. Object continued on an apparent collision course for approximately eight (8) minutes during which time it climbed from nine thousand (9,000) feet to approximately eleven thousand (11,000) feet where it seemed to pick up speed, veer in an easterly direction and was lost from sight as observing aircraft made a turn towards Sacramento California. Object was not sighted again as observing aircraft left the area for a simulated bomb run on Mather Air Force Base.

Weather Conditions:

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade, visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet. Winds aloft report: eight thousand (8,000) feet, eight (8) knots at two hundred sixty (260) degrees; ten thousand (10,000) feet, fifteen (15) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees and twelve thousand feet, twenty five (25) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees. No known meteorological or other conditions prevalent during time of observation existed. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left very clear skies.

Comments:

No physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighting. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object.

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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

Interrogation of Captain MONTGOMERY, Richard J. AF 696789, United States Air Force and Captain ATKINS, John M. AF 730451. Captain's ATKINS and MONTGOMERY were pilot and co-pilot of B-25 aircraft number 3820. Subject officers sighted an unconventional type aircraft after completing a practice radar bomb run off of Pittsburg, California. Aircraft was at eight thousand feet (3,000) on a heading of eighty two (82) degrees preparing to make a turn to a heading of seventy two (72) degrees toward Stockton when sighting was made.

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MTG, ABT-01 Time 11:30 P.M. local time
Date of obs - Feb. 20, 1952.

BAH-001 Possibly balloon?
- wind consistent
- object rises
- seems to hang in front of
plane in collision course

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Capt., USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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) DIRECTION ON A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA
THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER CMA THE INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND THE BOMBARDIER ALL
VISUALLY SIGHTED A BALL OF GREENISH BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROXIMATELY 3 FT
IN DIAMETER CMA APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE AHEAD TF AIRCRAFT AND AT ABOUT
15000 FT ALTITUDE PD OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING IN A SOUTHEASTER

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) DIRECTION ON A STRAIGHT LINE TRAJECTORY CMA AND WAS ONLY IN SIGHT FOR
APPROXIMATELY 2 SECONDS PRIOR TO DISAPPEARING PD OBSERVERS STATEE THAT
IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A METEOR AND THAT OBJECT DID NOT HAVE STREAMERS
OF SPARKS COMMONLY ASSOICATEE WITH METEORS PD INSTRUCTOR PILOT CMA A
SQUADRON COMMANDER CMA AND OTHER OBSERVERS ARE ALSO EXPERIENCED AIR CREW
MEMBERS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE PD ALL OBSERVERS WERE IN NOSE SECTION
OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT WAS ON LET-DOWN TO WALKER RANGE STATION AT
COMPLETION OF ELEVEN HOURS AND 15 MINUTES OF FLYING TIME PD WEATHER
SEQUENCES AT WALKER AFB AT 0830Z WERE CLEAR CMA 15 MILES VISIBILITY
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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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19 Feb 52

CSAF ITEM 1
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CGSAC,
THEIR CABLE FLICON 121, DATED 17 FEB 52,
WHICH IN TURN RELAYED MESSAGE RECEIVED
FROM COARIRDIV 47, WALKER AFB NEW MEXICO,
LATTER'S NO. 6DOI 385. MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS FOR
YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION:

ACTION

1. ZIPPO. 2. B-3 3. 6 BW

4. CAPT CALVIN W. PARKER AO-793827 AND
LT COL WILLIAM E RIGGS 8499A,

5. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND OBSERVER, 6. 9698

7. 0845Z 17 FEB 52, 8. 3315N-10410W, \rightarrow 25 miles SE
Roswell, New Mexico

9. 12,000FEET,

10. APPROX 1 MILE AHEAD AT AIRCRAFT, 11. 15,000FEET,

12. UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA AT 0845Z 17

FEB THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT 3315N-1041W AT 12,000FEET.

AT THIS TIME THE PILOT SIGHTED A BALL OF
GREEN BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROX 3 FEET IN DIAMETER,
WITH A TAIL OF 15 TO 20 FEET. STARTING
AT APPROX 15,000FEET ALTITUDE THE BALL PASSED

ABOUT 1 MILE AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE
BALL STAYED IN SIGHT ABOUT 2 SECONDS.

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CSAF ITEM 4

LOCATION SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: 3315-N-19410W

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END CSAF ITEM 4 (RESTRICTED)

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 4

DATE: 17 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 0145

LOCATION: Roswell, N. Mex.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Above

HEADING: 135°

SOURCE: B-29 crew members

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Green fireball phenomena. No conclusions..

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Greenish-blue ball of fire was observed by a B-29 crew.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE	DO #21, Langley AFB
AERIAL OBJECT (Unidentified)	
LOCATION	
DATE	
CHARACTER	
REFERENCE	
EXPIRES	

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
NONE - This is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested telephonically by Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Unidentified aerial object was reported to have exploded near Norfolk and subsequent investigation under jurisdiction of United States Coast Guard resulted in determination that the aerial object was a meteorite which exploded when entering the earth's atmosphere.

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For: DWIGHT J SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
DISTRICT COMMANDER

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the telephonic request of Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. This district was requested to investigate reports that a "ball of fire" was sighted near Norfolk, Virginia by Mr [REDACTED] of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

2. On 27 February 1951 inquiry at the Offices of the United States Weather Bureau, revealed that the only person known as [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Weather Bureau's Greensboro, North Carolina Office. Weather Bureau personnel advised that the sighting of an unidentified aerial object had been investigated by the U. S. Coast Guard at Norfolk on 18 February 1952.

3. On 27 February 1951, contact with Lt EARL REINHARDT of the U. S. Coast Guard, revealed that their office had acted as the coordinating agency for an air search and investigation following receipt of a report that a "jet plane" had exploded in flight over Whaleyville, Virginia at about 1145 hours 18 February 1952. Review of the Coast Guard log book revealed the following sequence of events:

"18 February 1952

1155 hours - Received call from Langley AFB that a Mr. [REDACTED] at Whaleyville, Va. reported he saw a jet aircraft explode over Whaleyville at 1145 hours. Immediately vectored all available Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard aircraft to the scene and started search of Dismal Swamp area. A Mrs [REDACTED] called from Holland, Va. and reported seeing a white flash above her at 1145 and saw pieces falling to the ground. Preliminary reports from Air Search negative. Helicopter landed and interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] revealed no further information.

1500 hours - Norfolk CAA reports that pilot of Eastern Air Lines Flight 602 reported that he was climbing on a south heading just south of Lake Drummond on the Virginia State line and noticed a bright flash pass ahead and above his plane. Initial sighting was 80° above horizon and flash continued until it disappeared at a point off his left wing at about 20° above the horizon. A trail of black smoke was left in the wake of the flash. Pilot stated the sighting was "some kind of comet".

1501 hours - Norfolk and Richmond Seismographs reported a disturbance south of Norfolk between 1130 and 1200 hours.

1503 - Mr. [REDACTED] at Norfolk Weather Bureau reports a deviation on his Seismograph at about 1100 hours and a pressure surge on the barograph at 1145 hours.

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1531 - Associated Press reported that the Weather Bureau at Greensboro reported sighting a meteorite which exploded approximately 100 miles North-north East of Greensboro at an altitude between 40,000' and 30,000'.

1552 - Captain HURST, District Intelligence Office, 5th Naval District, passed evaluation of incident as a meteorite sighting.

1600 - Air search terminated with negative report regarding sightings on ground."

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